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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REPLY TO FACIO LETTER ON MEAT

-- RESTRAINT PROGRAM

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I HAVE READ YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 28 AND WANT TO ASSURE
YOU THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUS CONCERNS OF COSTA RICA
REGARDING VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS OF BEEF IMPORTS TO THE
UNITED STATES. WE ARE CAREFULLY STUDYING THE VERY
IMPORTANT POINTS RAISED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM. WITH THESE
IN MIND WE ARE CONSIDERING MODIFICATIONS OF OUR ORIGINAL
PROPOSALS WHICH WILL ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF
OTHER SUPPLYING COUNTRIES AND THE DIFFICULT SITUATION OF
OUR OWN CATTLEMEN .

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I AM DELIGHTED THAT I HAD A CHANCE TO SEE YOU BEFORE MY DEPARTURE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY, HENRY A. KIS INGER. END QUOTE.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FROM FACIO FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN. IT IS ALWAYS VERY STIMULATING TO DIALOGUE WITH YOU, IN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC MEETINGS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE UNDERSTANDING YOU HAVE SHOWN IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF OUR MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM IS CRUCIAL IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SURVIVAL OF COSTA RICA'S LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT ITEM IN OUR PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER WITH THE DISTINGUISHED ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF STATE, MR. THOMAS O. ENDERS, AND MR. WILLIAM D. ROGERS, AND THEIR ADVISERS, AS WELL AS WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. CLAYTON K. YEUTTER, WAS VERY FRIENDLY, FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE. I TAKE PLEASURE IN ATTACHING A MEMORANDUM WHICH PRESENTS A SUMMARY OF COSTA RICA'S VIEWS ON THE BEEF EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

ACCEPT EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.

GONZALO J. FACIO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END QUOTE
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